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## S. O. E. ELECT OFFICERS A BOOST FOR ALFALFA

Mr. W. Beaumont Again Heads Lodge for 1926

Election of officers for 1926 was the main business transacted at a meeting of Lodge Red Deer No. 6, Sons of England Benefit Society, on Wednesday evening, when a large number of the members were present. District Deputy Grand President A. G. Ayres conducted the election proceedings, which resulted as follows:—  
President—Wright Beaumont  
Past President—A. G. Ayres  
Vice-President—J. W. Broughton  
Chaplain—J. W. Broughton  
Secy-Treas—Geo. M. England  
First Committee—A. G. Bullock  
Committee—A. Reid, R. Castle, F. C. Callender, R. C. Lester, A. T. Streetfield.  
Inner Guard—Harold Heath  
Outer Guard—Jos. Thompson  
Organist—P. E. Keane  
Auditor—R. C. Lester  
Record Book—W. F. Blackmore  
Installation will take place the first meeting in January.  
Bro. Alf. Heywood extended an invitation to the Lodge to have a social evening at his farm home, Crossroads, which was accepted, and the members and their ladies will visit Mr. and Mrs. Heywood next Monday evening. Car music, refreshments, etc., will be the order of the evening. Members are requested to have their "kit" ready for this occasion, as requested at a previous meeting.

## HIGHLANDER AND HIS "WHISKY"

Lord David, who delights in telling stories against his fellow-countrymen, tells one of an English tourist, who called on a farmer in a remote part of the Highlands.  
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The farmer was not enraptured.  
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the latter being set to run about one inch deep. This permits sowing with soil at a uniform depth, and the seed is brought directly in contact with soil moisture. In sowing the seed it should be mixed with twice the quantity of coarse cracked wheat or barley, from which the fine flour has been blown with the fanning mill. If the seed is set to sow about one inch deep, it will put on approximately twelve pounds of alfalfa seed to the acre.

**Nurse Crop Unnecessary**  
It is not necessary to use a nurse crop of oats or barley. The nurse crop not only shades the young alfalfa plants and prevents them from making their most rapid growth, but it also consumes moisture and plant food, thereby rendering the soil unavailable for the young and tender plants. For this reason it has proven to be much more satisfactory to sow the alfalfa without a nurse crop. In districts where the soil has a tendency to drift, a bushel of oats per acre may be sown in order to cover this difficulty, but the oats should be clipped with the mower when the alfalfa has obtained a foot hold.

**Treatment First Year**  
The field should be clipped with a mower when the alfalfa and weeds are about six inches high, and the clippings may remain on the field to form mulch. This will keep the weeds in check. For the alfalfa it is best to have cutting bar of the mower set so that it will not injure the crown of the plant. It is advisable to clip two or three times during the summer. The first clipping should not be later than August 15th because considerable growth should remain on the plant to enable it to stand the winter and to lessen their chances of being winter killed.

**Pasture and Seed Production**  
It is highly desirable to keep stock from grazing on alfalfa the first year. In fact, alfalfa should not be pastured extensively at any time, and no grazing should be contemplated until the crop is thoroughly established and the plant roots well developed. The field should be in its best the third or fourth year after seeding. Pasturing close the first year will have a tendency to injure the alfalfa plants, and when the stock are allowed to run at will the surface of the field is injured by tramping when the soil is wet.

There will be no hay the first year. The alfalfa should be cut and ready for cutting, and two crops will be available during the growing season. The second crop should not be cut later than the first week in August.

Where seed is to be produced, a hardy variety, such as planted, should be used. The seed should be sown in drills three inches apart and intertilled to the surface. Other than this it should receive the same treatment as for fodder for the first year.

The second year seed can be produced. After the crops are nearly all cut and the plants are well established, having two or three men following with forks rolling the alfalfa into windrows and placing them out on the way of the wind, the seed round. When it has become thoroughly dry it is ready to thresh. This can be done by hand or with a threshing machine. Where one of these cannot be obtained, the alfalfa can be put in a mow and allowed to dry.

**Inoculation of Seed**  
A thrifty alfalfa plant, being a legume, has nodules on its roots which contain bacteria. These take nitrogen from the air and store it up in these nodules. Western soils are not so rich in nitrogen as the alfalfa clover bacteria in them; hence it is a good practice to inoculate the seed when these are grown on a certain piece of land.

**Nitro Culture**  
Nitro culture consists of bacteria growing on the surface of a jelly like material in a moist medium. The bacteria are originally taken from the legume nodules and on them grown on the jelly, much the same as yeast is grown for baking. Nitro culture is put up by the Bacteriological Dept. of the University of Alberta at Edmonton in bottles, each containing enough to inoculate a bushel of seed. This can be obtained at about 25c per bottle from the department. Full directions for using go with each bottle.

If you very much like to see the Rotary Club of Red Deer, or even the Board of Trade foster the growing of alfalfa in this district, it is a good crop competition. With alfalfa, hogs, sheep and dairy cattle or beef cattle and even poultry, on every farm in the district, farmers will never know what it will be to experience a lean year.

Alfalfa is one of the very oldest of forage plants known to the world. The Pharaohs of Egypt used it for their cattle, the Arabs used it for their camels, and the Romans used it for their horses. It is excellent food for brood sows, pasture for hogs, excellent for fattening lambs and breeding ewes, one of the best of fodders for dairy cattle, and excellent for fattening of the beef animal. Besides this it furnishes the farmer with a double tonnage of fodder per acre and has twice the feeding value of any other fodder crop grown in the West, besides putting back into the soil an immense quantity of available pure nitrogen which is the king of plant foods for all crops, cereal or fodder.

## INDOOR RIFLE SHOOT

The Rotary and the 78th Battery had an indoor rifle shoot on Thursday evening, going with 130 points each, Sergt. Hart, high scorer for the Battery, winning in the shoot-off over Mr. P. Pederson, high for Rotary. The teams were:—  
Battery—Major Lister, Lt. Muir, Sgt. Botterill, Sgt. Hart, Sgt. Welliver, Sgt. Conna, Sgt. Woliver, G. Clark, G. Marshall, G. Hunt.  
Rotary—President Lord, Messrs. Patterson, Pederson, Botterill, Greig, Alenworth, MacCrete, MacCrete, Smith, Lindsay.

## BOARD OF TRADE LUNCHEON

J. H. HANNA SPEAKS ON WINNIPEG CONFERENCE

The regular luncheon of the Board of Trade was held in the McBride Hotel on Thursday last. At the beginning of the luncheon B. S. Hogg, distributed to all present small leaflets made from Midge Mills flour in order to demonstrate the quality of such flour. It is one of those mills that the Board has been trying to get established in Red Deer. The leaflets were voted excellent by those present.

A resolution was moved by B. S. Hogg, protesting against the proposed removal of the wholesale beer warehouses from Red Deer, on the ground that it would not help enforcement of the Liquor Act since there had been no complaints against the local warehouses, and because the removal would injure the position which Red Deer has built up of being a distributing centre, and further because what the province might gain from carrying on the beer trade in Red Deer would be lost by the loss of the tax which would be lost in taxes and wages now paid by the warehouses locally. The resolution was carried without objection.

H. Wilson, President of the Board, then briefly introduced J. H. Hogg, Secretary of the Calgary Board of Trade, and called on him to give an account of the recent economic conference in Winnipeg.

Mr. Hanna in his speech said that the conference was the fulfillment of an idea which had been under discussion for the last two or three years for the setting up of a Dominion Board of Trade. Mr. Hanna said that the conference was the fulfillment of an idea which had been under discussion for the last two or three years for the setting up of a Dominion Board of Trade.

There had been a Dominion Board of Trade in 1870, but it had lasted only a few years. The conference decided to form a new Board of Trade modeled to some extent on the United States Chamber of Commerce, which was now a very large institution. The conference was given an address by the Hon. J. H. Hogg, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, Sir James Atkinson, Premier Bracken, and other members of the Board.

The first address was given by Sir Thomas White, formerly Minister of Finance in Canada, who spoke on the Canadian national and economic problems. There was no introduction or politics into the conference, this having been previously agreed on. The opinion of Sir Thomas White the outstanding problems of Canada are: (1) The deficits on the Canadian National Railway system; (2) The burden of taxation; (3) The development of Canada's maritime ports. He said that in spite of the fact that there was no ground for pessimism. It was a good thing that the public had been so interested in Canada itself, which saved the country from economic bondage to the United States.

The next address was given by John H. Imrie of the Edmonton Journal, and was an exceedingly fine one. His subject was, The Need, The Prospects, and the Methods of Immigration and Colonization. This question of immigration cropped up again and again at the conference, but Mr. Imrie emphasized also the need of a good system of colonization to look after the immigrants when they arrived. A bold policy was needed, and moreover it was necessary to realize that it was not only Western Canada that needed and had room for immigrants. All the provinces of Canada needed them. The tragedy of Canadian development was that while we should now have 15 millions of people if we had kept both our immigrants and our natural increase in birth, we had only 3 millions. Only population could keep up the systems of government and of transportation which had been set up and give work to our people at home. These systems could not be maintained by the small populations that we now had. At present the United States laws and the forces of the world were favorable to Canadian immigration. It had been shown that costs of production and freight rates for farm products were higher in the States than in Canada. Mr. Imrie proposed that the Dominion should set aside a sum of \$20 million dollars for immigration, and while he opposed excessive paternalism in the immigration policy, he suggested that such a sum could provide \$1500.00 for each immigrant to give them a start in Canada. This speech of Mr. Imrie's led to further discussion at the conference.

Mr. Noxon, formerly the Ontario Agriculturalist in Britain, pointed out that if Canada was going to depend wholly on British immigrants for settlement, the system would be greatly delayed, for there were serious difficulties in the way of getting large numbers of British immigrants. Such difficulties were in the manner in which the people of Britain were now provided with unemployment and health insurance and other social services, which made them unwilling to leave their own country for Canada. He compared the system of immigration adopted by New Zealand which allowed domestic servants, for instance, not only free passage but \$25 of spending money in addition,

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## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

## Financial Report and Election of Officers

At the annual meeting of the Red Deer Horticultural Society on Wednesday evening, the following were elected for the ensuing year:—  
President—J. Porter (re-elected)  
First Vice-Pres.—H. G. Hunter  
Secy-Treas.—Mrs. S. P. Parnell  
Directors—Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. R. L. Gatz, Mrs. S. G. Gatz, Mrs. J. G. Fulton, Mrs. T. H. Edie, Mrs. A. T. Streetfield, Mrs. A. J. Goadley, Messrs. Wilson, Hogg, Wm. Russell, Michels, Connell, C. H. Smith, Horn, Parnell, Turnbull.  
The financial reports, duly audited by Mr. Jas. Frouman, were presented by Mrs. Parnell as follows:

Revenue	Expenditure
Cash in bank, Dec. 1924.....	\$140.00
Donations.....	10.00
Proceeds of entertainments.....	10.00
Entry fees.....	2.50
Gifts.....	2.50
Office receipts.....	2.50
Note discount.....	5.00
	\$179.47
Julining.....	\$ 16.30
Printing and advertising.....	43.35
Wheat.....	38.85
Mr. Reader's expenses.....	30.00
Balance in bank.....	51.32
	\$179.47

Provincial Government grant computed on 60 per cent of prices paid out—\$203.  
The financial statement is perhaps the best the Society has yet achieved, and is due to the energy of officers and members in their endeavours to raise funds.  
Mr. Smith, of Camrose, gave an excellent address on town gardening. He was accompanied by Mr. Frank Farley. A summary of Mr. Smith's interesting and helpful address will appear next week.

## ORTHOPHONE DEMONSTRATION IN RED DEER

Several of the music lovers of Red Deer were given a real treat last Thursday evening when a large number of the friends of the Orthophone Company gathered in McBride's Hall to hear a private demonstration of one new and most interesting of the latest triumphs of the Victor Talking Machine Company.

Mr. B. S. Hogg introduced the demonstrator, Mr. Radcliffe, who outlined briefly the improvements embodied in the new instrument, and the way in which the Company's machines up to this time.

Any doubt as to the audience might have been regarding the claims made by the demonstrator were effectively dispelled as soon as the Orthophone was played. The old type of Victrola. Very few were prepared for the vast difference, not alone in volume but in the clearness of tone, enunciation, and in the greatly increased range of all the factors of the new instrument, which in the orchestra selections was the superiority of the new machine manifested. The play of the new instrument was clearly distinguishable, and in vocal selections, by closing one's eyes, one could easily make out the speaker in the reproduction of the base notes in every instrument a great improvement is apparent. The old obligation to "The Perfect Day" sung by Rosa Ponselle is indeed a thing of beauty.

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### THE CITY FATHERS PRESENT THEIR ACCOUNTS

The annual ratepayers' meeting last Friday evening, was except in one respect marked by complete and almost dull unanimity. There was no hint of anything but approval of the work of the Council in the past year, and there was an emphatic expression of opinion that it was desirable for the whole of the Council to be re-elected and to carry on the work they have been doing, in particular the matter of taking over the Western General and getting operation by the City or some one else under way. Since the meeting a citizen of sound business capacity and much experience in public service has been nominated for the Council in the person of W. E. Lord, whom many ratepayers will no doubt regard as a valuable recruit to the business strength of the Council.

The reports, both written and verbal, which were laid before the ratepayers reflected quite a satisfactory state of affairs. The policy of caution and economy, which has marked the Council for some years past, has been steadily continued, with the result that the position of the City is being improved each year. Until the number of tax-paying citizens is considerably increased, and more land comes on to the live tax roll, the process of reducing the tax rates must necessarily be very slow, but there is good ground for believing that having weathered the extremely critical years of the recent past the City will continue to get on to a sound financial basis. The Commissioner called attention to the fact that quite a number of small towns in the West of about the size of Red Deer had got into financial difficulties in the last 10 years and the fact that Red Deer managed to avoid them is a matter for satisfaction and a credit to those who have directed the affairs of the City.

The only debatable question that was raised in the course of the evening occurred in connection with the schools. The assembly hall in the Board's opinion is an unsatisfactory place. Both lighting, ventilation and acoustic properties are said to be defective and incapable of improvement to any appreciable extent without quite disproportionate expense. At the same time the school population is increasing and the question of what is to be done is now an acute one. There is no easy or obvious solution in sight. It is agreed that to risk injury to the eyesight and health of the children by continuing to use the assembly hall is in the highest degree undesirable. On the other hand to incur heavy capital expenditure for a new school building in the present state of the City's finances is also to be avoided if at all possible. The school trustees and the city are thus placed in a most difficult dilemma. The meeting indicated that it would like to see the school trustees bring forward such schemes as they could suggest for the consideration of the ratepayers and no doubt this will be done. It is to be hoped that when such schemes are brought forward, they will be considered thoroughly and dispassionately and with full recognition of the difficulties of the problem. As far as can be at present judged, rigid economy is highly desirable, but injury to the eyesight, health and educational progress of 30 to 40 children is intolerable.

### THE HUSBAND AND WIFE COMMUNITY PROPERTY BILL

In our last issue we published the proposed bill to amend the law of property of husband and wife and to introduce a so-called community of property between them. It has not been made public what were the precise ideas in the minds of the framers of the bill. There are indications that it was desired to put a stop to the fraudulent putting of the husband's property into the name of his wife to defeat his lawful creditors. There are other indications that it was believed that husband and wife, being partners in life, the law governing their property should give effect to that partnership.

Whatever the ideas were, there seems to be little doubt that the bill is a radically bad one in at least two vital points. It was an ancient principle of English law that when a woman married, all her property passed to her husband, and she became more or less of an economic slave to him, just as she was a slave in most other respects, so far as the law was concerned. Gradually that harsh old law was relaxed in England, and in Canada, and Alberta particularly, it was wholly abolished and a married woman was put into a position of complete independence so far as the law was concerned. She can retain her own property held before her marriage. She can earn money and acquire property after marriage and do

with it as she pleased. The new bill if it passes into law and becomes an act will greatly alter that position. It provides, certainly, that a wife's property acquired before marriage, and also after marriage in certain ways, shall remain her separate property, but it goes on to provide that the rents and profits of such property and all other property acquired during the marriage by either husband or wife shall be community property, and then having so provided it gives to the husband the sole right of management and control of the community property with power to dispose of it as he sees fit, except that real estate is made subject to provisions, similar to those of the Dower Act, and cannot be disposed of without the consent of the wife.

The effect of this is that the wife is thrown back very nearly into the position she occupied under the old English law. She can own some property of her own, but any proceeds of it must be entirely controlled by her husband. She can own a house, but its rents are at her husband's disposal. She can own a motor car, but she cannot earn and keep at her own disposal the money to run it, and if she hires it out to anybody, the money paid for the hire is at the disposal of her husband. It is true that if the husband proves to be incapable of management for any reason, the wife can apply to the court to be given the management of the property in his place, or to have it equally divided between her and him, but that is a poor remedy, involving a definite breach between husband and wife, and the bitterness and expense of litigation in a family. Such a distinction will be regarded by the average woman in Alberta as monstrous, and once the women come to realize what is proposed, it is almost certain that a clamour of opposition will go up, and those members of the Legislature who are married, will have a old time of it at home if they dare to vote for giving themselves and their fellow husbands any such tyrannical power over their wives.

Then there is another flaw in the bill. It has been suggested that one object of the bill was to put a stop to the fraudulent putting of property in the name of a wife to defeat creditors. The bill does nothing of the sort. It does provide for community property for the debts of the husband and wife incurred for the benefit of the community, but it does nothing whatever to stop a husband giving his wife property, which under clause 4 remains her separate property not liable for his debts, and then signing his name to his creditors exactly as he now does. The wife and her husband can still drive merrily about in a motor car, while her husband laughs at his creditors and solemnly swears before a court that the car belongs to his wife and therefore cannot be touched. If his debts have not been incurred for the benefit of the community—they may be wheat gambling debts for instance—even the community property does not appear to be liable for them.

These defects alone are quite enough to condemn the bill out of hand. It does not appear to serve any really useful purpose and it does inflict a real hardship on wives. If it were amended so as to prevent the present frauds and to introduce into the law of husband and wife the real principle of legal partnership, which makes each party responsible for the other's debts, but gives each party a right to management and participation in profits, it might be a good bill, though even then it is rather doubtful if the strict business relationship of partners should be applied to that of husband and wife. There ought to be a head of the house, and the partnership of husband and wife should not be dissolvable at will like a business partnership, but the present law might be somewhat improved without such reactionary and futile provisions as are contained in the proposed act.

It is a badly drawn bill, and the surprising thing is that it is a woman, Mrs. Irene Parbury, who is mainly responsible for it. She can hardly have introduced the effect of it. It was introduced at the end of last session of the Legislature with the idea that it should be subject to such amendment and criticism as might be suggested. It certainly ought not to lack both criticism and amendment, and it is doubtful if there can be much left of it when these have had their say.

### THE SIGNING OF THE TREATIES

It is little more than seven years since the armistice which closed the Great War. The signing of that armistice was the signal for an outburst of fierce indignation all over the British Empire and the civilized world at the inhumanity of the German treatment of British prisoners, who were turned out of the prison camps in many cases to starve, and were told to make their way back to Allied territory as best they might. From highest to lowest, in newspapers, on public platforms, and in conversation the German nation was denounced as a barbaric and unchristianized civilization. That is only seven years ago and last week there was signed in London a treaty between Germany and the Allied na-

tions, which amounted to an assurance of permanent peace and friendship, while the German Chancellor and Foreign Minister who came over to sign on behalf of Germany were not only entertained formally by British officials but received demonstrations of approval and friendship from the public in the streets. It is a great transformation, but not at all unusual in the case of British public opinion, which seems to be quite unable to understand the meaning of the treaty, and to give an assurance of enemy for any length of time. From the standpoint of the Christian virtues of forgiveness and good will there can be nothing but approval for this laying aside of bitterness and enmity among the nations, this attempt to make a fresh start in the ways of peace. As far as Great Britain and Germany are concerned, there is no traditional hostility to overcome. On the contrary, until the Great War broke out, they had been centuries met as foes on the field of battle, and had frequently fought side by side, usually against the French. It is between France and Germany that this treaty represents a vitally important change of feeling. Germany has solemnly put her hand to an agreement in which she abandons for all time her claim to Alsace and Lorraine, taken by her from France in 1871, and held till the close of the Great War in 1918. France, on her side, abandons altogether her claim to Rhine frontier, which has been the constant dream of her kings, her statesmen and, most of all, her soldiers. Once again an attempt has been made to put an end to the long duel between these two great nations, which has been the main disturbing factor in Europe for centuries.

There is another aspect to the matter. Germany has also signed arbitration treaties with Poland and Czechoslovakia, designed to prevent disputes between them resulting in war. Now, it is pretty generally understood that few or no Germans with sufficient interest and knowledge to think about such things, have recognized themselves for a moment to the idea of the permanent loss of the territory taken from them at the end of the war and given to Poland. They do not attach any importance to the fact that they themselves took it away from Poland about 135 years ago, and did so by violence. They regard it as their territory as they see the people of the United States regard California as theirs, and they resent bitterly seeing the Poles in possession. Yet by this arbitration treaty they have bound themselves not to go to war with Poland over disputes which might arise between them, and they know perfectly well that Poland will never consider for a moment giving up any of her recovered territory.

With these thoughts then have the Germans signed these treaties? Does the signing represent a great renunciation on the part of Germany? Has she given up her dreams of expansion in Europe and elsewhere? Is she going to settle down into a quiet, peaceful, industrial nation, contented with her narrow territories, thinking no more of her lost colonial empire, willing to accept as permanent her present status of a third-rate military and naval power? If not, what is in her mind? Are these treaties signed merely in order to get breathing space for preparations for revenge? Is her idea that if she can get rid of occupation and control by the allies, she can then lay her hands on the weapons and preparations at her leisure? The British army has evacuated Cologne after seven years of occupation. The French have indicated that the new era of friendship may be marked by accelerated evacuation of the areas under occupation by them. Germany by signing these treaties has gone far towards regaining her place as a normal member of the family of European nations.

It is perhaps an ungracious and cynical thing to throw even the shadow of doubt on this bright dawn of better days for the nations of the world, but with the long record of broken treaties and ephemeral friendships that have marked the history of the world in the past, one is tempted to ask again what thoughts were in the mind of the Germans when they signed the treaties. One can only hope that they were thoughts of peace.

### THE IRISH SETTLEMENT

After looking distinctly threatening the Irish boundary problem has been settled, at least for the moment. The settlement is made to some extent at the expense of the British taxpayer. In consideration of accepting the existing boundary between the Free State and Northern Ireland as permanent, the Free State has been relieved by Great Britain of the obligation of paying any part of the British war debt, which it accepted at the time of the Treaty of peace between Britain and Ireland in 1922. On the other hand, the Free State has assumed liability for the payment of compensation for damage done to private property in its territory since the new state is in a way a new state. Feinners and Republicans to British Loyalists and Free Staters, and amounts to a considerable sum. In view of the fact that it is quite doubtful if the Free State would ever have paid anything in respect of the British war debt, agreement or no agreement, it is quite possible that the British government has not made a bad bargain. Peace in Ireland will

relieve both Britain and Ireland of a nightmare, and give the "Island of Unrest" a chance of settling down at last, though whether it will take the chance is quite another thing. The Republicans will no doubt try to by-pass the settlement as a shameful betrayal of Irish interests in return for English gold. It has to be remembered that the whole boundary problem has its origin to a large extent in the blunder made by the British Government in giving an assurance to Northern Ireland that its territory would not be altered and then making another agreement with the Free State, without reference to Northern Ireland, that the boundary might all be altered. To that extent Britain was to blame for the difficulty, and therefore might be thought to have done only right in assuming some financial loss in order to settle the trouble. Northern Ireland ought at least to be satisfied. She has maintained a consistently firm and resolute attitude throughout, and has reaped the reward in securing her boundaries unimpaired. It is good that the settlement has been made. It is to be hoped that it will be kept by all concerned.

### EVARTS CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

St. Andrew's Day was celebrated by the Caledonian Society on Monday, November 30, by a social and dance in the Everts schoolhouse. The President, Mr. P. N. Cameron, in his address, welcomed the large audience, particularly those who had come from a distance. There was a happy crowd of sixteen from the Red Deer St. Andrew's Society, headed by their President, Mr. Chas. Sinclair.

The programme opened by all joining in a chorus, "Duncan Gray." Those contributing to the entertainment were Mrs. McLevin, of Red Deer, whose recitation, "A Toast—St. Andrew's Day" was very good and was followed by a humorous encore; Gordon Simpson, two recitations; instrumental selection by Miss Warwick, followed by an encore; song by Ruby Skene, "Annie Laurie," recitation by Wilson Cameron, "Scotty," song by Mrs. B. C. Learned, "To Me the Auld Scotch Songs." These items were followed by a short address by Mr. Sinclair, who extended a hearty welcome to the Burns' Night celebration in Red Deer on Monday, January 25. The company enjoyed two very humorous recitations by Mrs. P. N. Cameron, Mrs. Alex Duncan sang "My Ain Polk" and encore "Daddy," Miss Alex Cameron sang "I Canna Leave the Auld Folk Yet."

The dance was continued till the wee sma' hours to music supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Learned, Mr. J. Sinclair, Mrs. Skene, Ruby Skene, Mrs. Warwick, Miss Helen May Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. D. McLevin, Mr. Orms,

### FARMING NOTES

The C. A. Co-Operative Association last week shipped a carload of live poultry to Victoria, B.C., and 2 more carloads to Edmonton. They have another on hand for killing. They also shipped 2 carloads of hogs to Montreal and one to Calgary. They have been killing turkeys recently, but the warm weather has stopped this for the time being. Last week they bought 32 select bacon hogs in Red Deer, and 9 from the West. Messrs. Tanguay Bros. brought in 18 head of which 11 graded select, the average weight being 214 lbs. at 6 months, which disproves the current fallacy that the Yorkshire hog cannot be made premium bacon in the time.

### APPLICATION FOR BEER LICENSE

Public Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends applying to the Alberta Liquor Control Board for license to sell beer by the glass or open bottle for consumption in conformity with the provisions of the Government Act of Alberta and the regulations made hereunder, in respect of the following premises: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Townsite of Benalto, No. 527AY. The building is known as the Benalto Hotel, and the room is 20x30, situated on the East side of the building. Dated at Benalto this 7th day of December, 1925.

Z. B. BUCHANAN.  
Dec. 9, 4w.

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## The Most Attractive Girl at The Carnival

Mrs. K. Morris will take a vote up till Monday, December 14th, at 4 p.m., as to who qualifies for the above title. The winner will have as a prize the choice of any article in the store up to the value of \$7.00, or will be credited with that amount on any higher priced article. Votes to be recorded in person in the store. P. Pidgeon will be returning officer.

## The Children's Store

(MRS. K. MORRIS)  
Ross Street Phone 41

## Grand Opening "Red Deer Arena"

ON Friday Eve'ing December 11 with a Fancy Dress Carnival

Generous prizes for BEST COSTUME, GENT BEST COSTUME, LADY BEST COSTUME, BOY BEST COSTUME, GIRL RACES FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Music by the Markerville Band  
SEE POSTERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
Admission: Adults 50c; Public High School Students 25c.  
Skaters not in costume will not be allowed on the ice until 9 p.m.

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ALL KINDS OF HIGH GRADE WATCH AND JEWELLERY REPAIRING—SERVICE AND SATISFACTION

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A good opportunity to obtain useful Christmas presents.

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# Examine one of your rugs—

Note how solidly it is woven. You can see how closely the nap is packed together with but minute spaces between. How can much air pass through these spaces? Then how can the grit in its depths be removed by air suction no matter how strong?

This proves that more than air alone is necessary to clean a rug thoroughly.

The rug must be beaten—it must be lifted from the floor and vibrated—to shake out the destructive buried grit. There is no substitute for beating.

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It BEATS... as it Sweeps as it Cleans

\$6.20 a Month Pays for a Hoover  
Only \$6.25 down and \$6.20 a month for a short period—21c a day!—pays for The Hoover while you use it.  
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The Latest in BRIDGE LAMPS. Special value.

FOR MOTHER  
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Smokers' Stand Easy Chair Library Table

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Flash Lights	\$1.00
Pocket Knives	25c to \$2.00
Skates	\$1.00 to \$7.00
Safety Razors	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Scissors	65c to \$2.25
Rifles	\$7.25
Carving Sets	\$6.75
Bulb Vases	\$2.45 per pair
Coleman Lamps	\$11.50
Coleman Lanterns	\$10.00
Aluminum Roasters	\$1.50 to \$3.75

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## TOYLAND

Don't forget to visit TOYLAND when in the store.

# Christmas Shopping is Made Easy at Lord's

By the splendid display of very desirable and acceptable articles suitable for everyone

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Our Toyland is the mecca of all who have toys to buy. Mechanical toys for boys of an inquiring turn of mind who like to see the wheels go round. Toys especially made for girls, and of course dolls of all sizes, carriages, beds, cradles and high chairs. The tiny tots are not forgotten, for there are toys to while away many long hours.

Celluloid and Rubber Kewpies, Dolls, Ducks and other objects made to stand hard usage, 10c and 25c Teddy Bears in different styles and sizes—

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Dolls for the girls—sleeping dolls, baby dolls and mama dolls ..... 20¢ to \$3.95

Chairs, Cradles, Beds and Carriages for the "Baby" ..... 50c

Dishes for afternoon tea parties, like Mother's,

Mechanical Toys for children of all ages, 5c to \$1.75 Iron Toys that stand the usage boys give their toys. See the new Ford Car in this group .... 25c to 85c

Friction Toys in Street Cars, Roadsters, Trucks and other designs ..... \$1.35 to \$3.50



Everyone loves a train and you can have your choice of one or more cars at ..... 60c to \$2.00 Steam Engines for boys who are interested in such things ..... \$1.25 to \$2.50 Games for young and old that will last long after this Christmas is past and gone ..... 25c to \$1.95 Paints for the young folks that will pass many dull days ..... 20c to 85c Pianos, Magic Lanterns, Balls, Telephones, Drawing Slates, Blackboards and many other things too numerous to mention, at attractive prices. Shop now and avoid disappointment.

## Handkerchiefs

HANDKERCHIEFS ALWAYS PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN GIFT LISTS

### HANDKERCHIEFS

Ladies' White and Colored Handkerchiefs, lace and net edges, also net and Venice lace; corners in both linen and Swiss. Prices from .... 60c to 90c each

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS in a fine Swiss, embroidered corners, in white and a variety of colors. Prices from ..... 20c to 50c

CHILDREN'S HANDKERCHIEFS in a fine white hemstitched, with colored embroidered corners, at 10c; 3 for 25c

CHILDREN'S PICTURE HANDKERCHIEFS, white ground with Charlie Chaplin and Mother Goose pictures; good size, at ..... 10c each

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS—A large assortment of colors and designs; 2 in a box. Prices from ..... \$1.25 to \$2.50

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS in white and colored embroidered corners; 2 in a box. Prices from ..... 25c to \$1.25

## MEN'S FURNISHINGS

You will have no difficulty in making your Xmas selections here. A wonderful stock of useful Xmas gifts for men and boys.



### MEN'S NECKWEAR

A wonderful range of Xmas neckwear for men and boys. Beautiful new patterns. In fancy Xmas boxes.

Priced at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

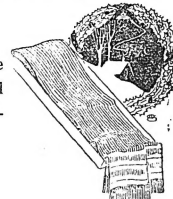
### HANDKERCHIEFS FOR MEN

A very useful gift that any man would like to receive. It will be easy to make your selection from our large assortment. Lawn, Mercerized, Linen and Silk; plain or fancy borders. Priced at ..... 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

### MEN'S NECK SCARFS

Our range this season is the best we have ever shown. Mercerized, Wool and Silk. Lovely new shades and patterns. In fancy Xmas boxes.

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### SUSPENDERS, ARMBANDS AND GARTERS

A big range of these articles in fancy webbs for Xmas gifts, put up in fancy boxes, single or sets. See our range.



### DON'T FORGET THE BOYS

We have prepared a good assortment of useful gifts for the boys in Suits, Mackinaws, Sweaters, Underwear, Pyjamas, Toques, Caps, Belts, Ties, Braces, Mitts, and many other useful things that will sure make the boys happy. Remember the boys with something useful.

## Many Useful Gifts are found in the Ready-to-Wear Department

SWEATERS in sleeveless, pullover and coat style for almost everyone in a large variety which would delight the recipient.

BLOUSES—For your selection we have a good range of Blouses in Broadcloth, Tricolette, Fugi Silk, Pongee, Crepe de Chine and Knitted Silk, in the newest styles and shades, and ranging in price from ..... \$2.50 to \$9.95

SKIRTS—A very useful gift that anyone would appreciate. The little girls can be remembered in this way which would be some lasting token of Christmas. Navy Serge and Sand, fawn and navy Crepe; sizes 6 to 14. ..... \$1.95 to \$2.95

SKIRTS for older girls and ladies in Crepe and Flannel in popular shades ..... \$3.95 to \$5.50

KIMONAS—This is a gift sure of hearty welcome, and one that will express the good taste of the giver. Heavy Eiderdown, Corduroy and fancy Velvet in pretty shades. ..... \$6.95, \$7.75 and \$8.95

SLIPS—We have a large selection of these popular garments in satinette, single and shadow-proof Tricolette, Habitu Silk, Shot Silk and Satin in many shades. One of these would make a serviceable gift at ..... \$1.75, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.75 to \$8.95

BLOOMERS—Another very acceptable gift, in Broadcloth, Silk and Satin, especially good to wear with suits, with double elastic knee or fancy frill ..... \$1.50 to \$8.95

## SHOE DEPARTMENT

DRESS SLIPPERS from \$3.95 up In this range of moderately priced lines are low, Cuban and Spanish heels, in Kid, Satin and Patent leathers. For a Christmas gift of value that will be long remembered, a pair of dressy slippers have no equal. In C, D and E widths, from ..... \$3.95 up



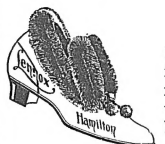
### WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS

For warmth, service and appearance, the felt slipper has no equal. We have to offer as gifts boudoir types with soft chrome soles, in shades of sky blue, brown and taupe; fancy felts with leather soles, in kingfisher and grey; plaid felts with leather soles; and black felts; in all sizes, ..... \$1.25 to \$1.95



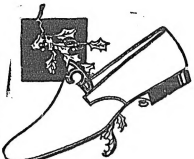
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Made of good quality warm felt with felt insole and leather sole and heel, top trimmed with fur. A fine slipper for morning wear in the house. In brown, grey and black, at ..... \$1.95



### MEN'S EVERETT SLIPPERS

In black or brown kid, with leather sole and heel. The inside is smoothly finished and roomy. A gift for a man that will always be remembered. In all sizes at ..... \$2.25



MEN'S HOCKEY BOOTS, of black box kip leather, trimmed in tan, with inside laced support and outside strap. A splendid boot for all round wear, at ..... \$3.95

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OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF HATS

Without reserve in three groups ..... \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00

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Fur trimmed and Sports style in sizes 15 to 45. \$14.50, \$19.50, \$24.50, \$29.50

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Brown's "Shamrock" Irish Linens combine beauty of design and weave with excellent wearing qualities.

Table Cloths—  
2x2 yards ..... \$5.85 and \$6.85  
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Table Napkins to match above cloths—  
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Good Quality Union Damask Table Napkins, in spot or floral design.  
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Linen Breakfast Cloths, of very fine weave, satin surface, with novelty check and fancy border in blue or mauve; a useful and attractive gift.  
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Damask Breakfast Cloths, Shamrock design, border and scalloped edge in blue or gold; 45x45 ..... \$1.95

Linen Bridge Sets, consisting of one cloth, 36x36, and four napkins; good quality bleached linen with border, or blue, rose or gold ..... \$3.75 set

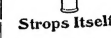
## HARDWARE

GIVE CUTLERY THIS CHRISTMAS



Valen Auto-Strop Razor, pocket edition, standard set. The regular \$5.00 razor in leather case, with 2 blades. Special ..... \$1.49

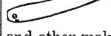
Auto-Strops in other models, at ..... \$4.50 and \$5.00



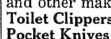
Strops Itself Gillette Razors, each ..... 98c



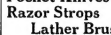
For the man who prefers the straight Razor, we have a splendid selection to choose from. Henry Boker's, Genco's, ..... \$2.50 to \$4.50



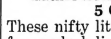
Toilet Clippers, each ..... \$1.50 to \$3.75



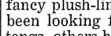
Pocket Knives and Pen Knives, each ..... 15c to \$3.50



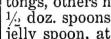
Razor Strops Razor Honors Mirrors



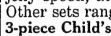
Lather Brushes Shaving Soap and Cream



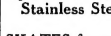
5 O'CLOCK TEA SPOONS



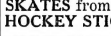
These nifty little nickle silver spoons, done up in fancy plush-lined boxes, are just what you have been looking for. Some of these sets have sugar tongs, others have sugar shells; one set consists of a ½ doz. spoons, 1 butter knife, 1 sugar shell, and 1 jelly spoon, at ..... \$4.50



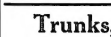
Other sets ranging in price from ..... \$1.95 to \$4.00



3-piece Child's Set ..... \$1.00 and \$2.65



Stainless Steel Knives Stainless Forks

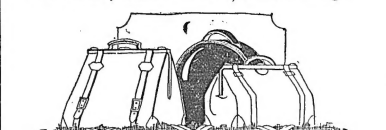


SKATES from ..... \$1.25 to \$7.00 pair



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A practical Christmas gift—a gift that is useful and lasting.

SUIT CASE in brown or black fibre or leather; 24 and 26 inches, with or without straps. Priced from ..... \$2.95 to \$16.50

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JELLIES, JAMS, ETC.

Red or Black Currant Jelly, 4 lb tin 85c  
Crabapple Jelly ..... 4 lb tin 85c  
Jelly in 1-lb glass jars ..... 35c jar

Robertson's—  
Ginger Marmalade, 1 lb jar 45c  
Lemon Marmalade ..... 1 lb jar 40c  
Orange Marmalade ..... 1 lb jar 40c

Pure Jams, raspberry, loganberry, gooseberry, green gage or plum ..... 4 lb tin 75c

Strawberry Jam ..... 4 lb tin 90c

### EGGS, CHEESE, ETC.

Fresh extras, per dozen ..... 60c

Fresh firsts, per dozen ..... 55c

Cheese, finest Ontario ..... 32½c lb

Kraft Cheese ..... 1 lb pkt. 45c

Butter, Creamery ..... 45c lb

Finest Dairy ..... 40c lb

Cooking ..... 35c lb

Lard, pure ..... 3 lb pail 80c

5 lb pail \$1.30

10 lb pail \$2.55

Shortening ..... 3 lb pail 65c

5 lb pail \$1.05

10 lb pail \$2.00

3 lb pail 90c

Crisco ..... 3 lb pail 90c

### FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Oranges, per dozen ..... 35c, 45c, 70c

Jap Oranges will be scarce before Christmas ..... \$1.20 box

Apples, per box ..... \$2.10, \$2.40, \$2.60

Grape Fruit, each ..... 15c

Cranberries ..... 25c lb

Spanish Onions ..... 3 lbs 25c

Cabbage ..... 6 lbs 25c

Carrots ..... 12 lbs 25c

Turnips ..... 15 lbs 25c

Potatoes ..... 75c bus.

Head Lettuce, Celery, Ripe Tomatoes, Cucumbers, etc., fresh daily.



**15¢ PER PKG.** — and in 1/2 lb VACUUM (AIR-TIGHT) TINS

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## ALBERTA NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

A meeting of members and friends of the above Society was held at the home of the Secretary, Mrs. Pameley, on Wednesday afternoon last.

Mr. J. A. Munro, of Okanagan Landing, B.C., who is the Chief Officer, Western Provinces, in charge of the operation of the Migratory Birds Convention Act, was in town for a few hours and gave a most interesting address.

Mr. Munro had with him a lantern and slides illustrating the habits of the Western Provinces in relation to his work as chief game officer.

His first pictures showed colonies of breeding gulls, puffins and murrelets on Bare Island, one of the Dominion bird sanctuaries on the Pacific coast.

There followed a series of pictures of Cormorants taken on some islands in Lake Manitoba.

At the request of the Commissioner of the Canadian National Parks, who supervises the operation of the Dominion, Mr. Munro has recently conducted an investigation into the food habits of these birds as it affected the supply of fish in the Lake.

His investigations showed that, whilst the bulk of the Cormorant diet consists of fish, not more than 25 per cent. of the fish consumed consisted of species used commonly for human food.

He came to the conclusion that the effect of the birds on the fish supply was negligible.

Though a large sheet of water, Lake Manitoba is comparatively shallow with numerous reefs or rocks and boulders. There are several islands formed by the outcropping of the reefs and on some of these the Cormorants breed. These nesting sites are anything but inviting.

The nests are built of sticks and weeds brought many miles from the mainland by the birds. The surroundings are covered with gnats with numerous dead and rotting fish scattered about—the whole smelling worse than any other fertilizer factory.

Some pictures of Willets, Sandpipers and other birds commonly associated with the Snipe flocks were next shown. While the birds have never been hunted to any great extent in the West, they have been consistently shot in Eastern Canada and the States for food, so much so that some of the species were in danger of extermination.

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A neighbouring lake. The birds were being shot in large numbers. During the latter part of January and early February, several of the Swans died, and a post mortem examination proved that the cause of death was lead poisoning from the pellets of shot picked up in the sand.

Mr. Munro showed some slides of the band of Swans taken earlier in the season.

Although it is now known that one or two other small bands of Trumpeters and Swans winter in another part of B. C., accidents like the above are very discouraging and raise serious doubts as to whether it is possible to increase the number of Trumpeters beyond the danger point.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Munro for his interesting talk.

Mr. Munro left for Edmonton to attend a conference with provincial authorities relating to some matters connected with the Dominion Bird Sanctuaries in the Province.

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Reference was made to the wild ducks of this country and emphasis laid on the fact that the Canadian Prairie Provinces provide the necessary grounds for the great majority of the ducks of North America.

2nd Hindu ..... Mr. Chas. Ballard  
3rd Hindu ..... Howard Dale  
4th patient ..... Olive Code  
5th patient ..... Elva Malcolm  
6th patient ..... Margaret Can  
7th patient ..... May Comer  
8th patient ..... Lois Fumbar  
9th patient ..... Edith Waldron  
10th patient ..... Gretchen Ansell  
11th patient ..... Winston Backus  
12th patient ..... William Carcadden  
13th patient ..... Laura Norton  
Instrumental selections by Mrs. Porter and Mrs. W. R. Fowler, and solos by Miss Daisy Gaetz, accompanied by Mary Robertson, were greatly enjoyed.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Keith Bennett the other day endeavoured to transform the simple matter of blowing his nose into an imitation of a particularly strident trumpet. He was promptly sent out of the room by Miss Fraser. After a minute or two, Bill Carcadden, in a tone of suspicious meekness, asked Miss Fraser if he might blow his nose. Permission was graciously given, and he did so amid considerable hilarity on the part of the class. Quiet being restored, Miss Fraser remarked: "It was sweet of you, Bill, to ask permission."

The gallant Bill, never at a loss in the matter of brilliant retorts, replied: "It was very nice of you to give it." This spirit of politeness is much to be commended, which the author of the story thought that there should be a strong strain of devotional and evangelical religion running through with book, and exercising its influence on the characters in various ways.

So far as the plot is concerned, it is a war story for the greater part of it, but deals with the sea side of the war, and the anti-submarine campaign. This is written in a very straightforward, adventurous style with a seasoning of spies, bombs and sea duels. There is, of course, a love interest in the story, in fact there is a great deal of love interest, the war stores are all called a book of great subtlety of either plot or character-drawing, but Ralph Connor has never been an author of that type. His appeal is to sentiment rather than to the intellect, and those who enjoy a sentimental story with a few tears and an eventual happiness achieved after much trial by an enduring hero and heroine, will not be disappointed with this book.

It is on sale at both Messrs. Porter's and Gaetz-Cornett's stores in town, and can be safely recommended as a Christmas present, free from the unpleasant characteristics of some modern novels.

## BOOK COLUMN

### READING THE WINEPRESS By Ralph Connor.

Those who like Ralph Connor's books will find this latest novel from his pen up to the standard of previous ones. He has laid his scene this time in a different element from that of previous books, namely, the sea, which has not hitherto, unless we are mistaken, figured very largely in his books. This book begins with characters and incidents taken from the coast of the Maritime Provinces of Canada and the time is immediately before the opening of the Great War.

The main characters are a retired sea captain and co-officer of the British navy and his son, and a party of young Americans, two of whom are fascinating girls and two are sons of men of somewhat unattractive type, one being an aggressive and despised German-American. The hero is the son of the retired sea captain, Tony by name, and he is quite of the usual Ralph Connor hero mould, that is to say, he is magnificently built physically and with a character as fine as his outward appearance. It is in keeping with the author's previous works that there should be a strong strain of devotional and evangelical religion running through with book, and exercising its influence on the characters in various ways.

So far as the plot is concerned, it is a war story for the greater part of it, but deals with the sea side of the war, and the anti-submarine campaign. This is written in a very straightforward, adventurous style with a seasoning of spies, bombs and sea duels. There is, of course, a love interest in the story, in fact there is a great deal of love interest, the war stores are all called a book of great subtlety of either plot or character-drawing, but Ralph Connor has never been an author of that type. His appeal is to sentiment rather than to the intellect, and those who enjoy a sentimental story with a few tears and an eventual happiness achieved after much trial by an enduring hero and heroine, will not be disappointed with this book.

It is on sale at both Messrs. Porter's and Gaetz-Cornett's stores in town, and can be safely recommended as a Christmas present, free from the unpleasant characteristics of some modern novels.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RED DEER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the above Society was held in the City Hall on Wednesday evening, December 2nd.

After the reading of the minutes, the Secretary, Mrs. Pameley, read a report on the work during the past year. There was a falling off in attendance at the monthly meetings of the Society, but the annual show, sale of flowers, card parties and other entertainments organized by the Society had been very successful. This is reflected in the following financial report which shows a surplus of \$100.00 as good financial position as it ever was.

The Financial Report and officers for 1926 will be found on page 3.

After the business of the meeting was finished, Dr. Smith, who drove from Camrose to address the meeting, was called on to address the meeting.

Dr. Smith is an enthusiastic gardener and has done much towards the building up of a flourishing Horticultural Society in Camrose. He was President of the Society for some years. As a grower of Dahlias and Gladioli the doctor is well known, and his advice is followed by the other Camrose growers who have gained many prizes at Edmonton Horticultural Shows.

An interesting account of the work of the Society in Camrose.

They, too, had found the regular monthly meetings very poorly attended and now only held meetings on special occasions. They had branched out considerably in the practical garden work of the Society and had encouraged a keener competition at their annual show. They now had fifteen competitors in their prize list carrying cups as well as certificates. He suggested that the Red Deer prize list might well be overhauled and made more attractive.

Some questions and a hearty vote of thanks to the doctor brought the meeting to a close.

## LAOCMBE NOTES

Notwithstanding the sticky condition of the ice, a fast exhibition hockey game was played here between Red Deer and Laocombe, which ended in a tie, one to one.

## ARE YOU EXPECTING GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS?

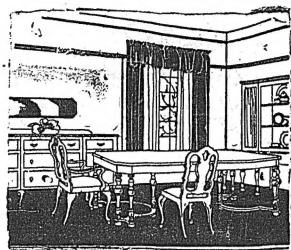
WHEN YOU VISITED THEIR HOME YOU NOTICED THEIR FURNITURE—THEY WILL NOTICE YOURS.

### Why not beautify your Dining Room with one of our Handsome New Suites?

We have a beautiful 8-piece Birch Walnut Suite in the very latest design, at ..... \$150.00

Another beautiful 9-piece Suite in the old English finish, at \$125.00

And several Fumed Oak Suites from ..... \$60.00 to \$90.00



YOUR HOME IS THE CENTRE OF YOUR WORLD MAKE IT A NOOK OF BEAUTY AND COMFORT.

### IS YOUR GUEST ROOM FURNISHED WITH A NICE, COMFORTABLE BED?

We are showing an exceptionally fine assortment of Simmons Guaranteed Beds, which are priced within the reach of all. Here's one example:

A 2-inch continuous post, all steel Bed, in Walnut finish, with wide, cane woven, centre panel, complete with a 90-coil spring and all felt mattress. All for ..... \$35.00

### MAKE YOUR KITCHEN A DELIGHTFUL PLACE TO WORK IN

You can save an hour on every meal and hundreds of steps by using one of our modern KITCHEN CABINETS... We are also showing some of those dainty, white enamelled TABLE CABINETS, with porcelain tops, priced from \$15.00 to \$55.00

WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR OLD FURNITURE IN EXCHANGE AS PART PAYMENT ON ANY NEW GOODS YOU CARE TO CHOOSE.

### BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME WITH ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL FLOOR LAMPS

Chesterfield, Bridge and Table Lamps, from ..... \$5.00 to \$30.00

Pretty and Dainty Candlesticks in the latest Polychrome finishes, from ..... \$3.50 to \$8.00 a pair

We have a large selection of pretty FRAMED PICTURES. 50 different subject to choose from, at prices from ..... \$1.00 to \$10.00 each

### EVERY LITTLE TABLE HAS A MEANING OF ITS OWN

Beautiful Walnut Chesterfield Tables at ..... \$35.00

Solid Walnut Gate-leg Tables at \$35.00; others as low as \$10.00.

Chesterfield End Tables at \$12.50

Radio Tables from \$5.00 to \$15.00

Folding Card Tables, felt top, \$5.00

### JARDINIERE PEDESTALS, FERN STANDS AND SMOKERS' STANDS, at ..... \$3.00, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 each

Exceptional Bargains in several CABINET GRAMAPHONES (slightly used) Victor, Brunswick and Columbia makes, at less than HALF PRICE.

### TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

Boys' and Girls' Sleighs; Doll Carriages; Rocking Horses; Kiddie Cars; Rocking Chairs; Arm Chairs; High Chairs, and Children's Toy Sets, consisting of Table and two Chairs, neatly decorated and strongly made. Priced from ..... 75c to \$6.00

We are experts at picture framing. Our selection of mouldings is large. Our prices most reasonable. Let us frame those Christmas photos for you.

A small deposit will hold any article for you, and we will deliver at any time between now and Christmas Day.

## Best Furniture Co.,

LIMITED

EVERYTHING FOR THE HOME

Opposite the Post Office, Red Deer.

## NEWS OF THE CALGARY NORMALITES

We are all counting the days until the 18th, when we expect to arrive home. Judging from the assignments made in the past two weeks, we will undoubtedly be in a state of exhaustion.

The ladies' basketball tournament has come to an end with Catherine Pyke and Margaret Dixon among the victorious six. We are glad to see that they still hold their last year reputation, and hope to see them taking their places in the Normal team.

A large audience is expected, and it can count on a highly amusing evening's entertainment, even though there are bound to be many wet eyes when the tragic fate of Wild Nell is depicted vividly before them.

## DEATH OF MRS. BABCOCK'S MOTHER

Mrs. W. T. Babcock, North Red Deer, received by wire on Saturday the sad news that her mother had passed away. She was living at New Haven, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, with her son George.

She leaves to mourn her loss one son, George, and two daughters, one at Cape Breton, and Mrs. W. Babcock at Red Deer, Alberta.

## INNISFAIR LAWYER APPOINTED STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE

F. M. Oldham, Barrister, of Innisfail, has been appointed by the Alberta Government to be a stipendiary magistrate. The district which will be within his jurisdiction has not yet been made known. Mr. Oldham has been practising law in Innisfail since 1896 and is now Mayor of the town.

The appointment is a fitting one, and Mr. Oldham is to be congratulated on receiving it.



## Christmas is Near!

### ONLY 12 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE XMAS

Do not let this summer weather fool you. Our store was never better prepared to serve you. Do your shopping now when you can select your gifts in comfort—you know what a mad rush the last day or two before Xmas is in all stores. Any goods selected now may be put away until wanted if desired.

### DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING EARLY.



### ALL THE BEST NEW NOVELS ARE HERE.

Each \$2.00.  
Your choice will be right if you choose one of these.

**DAINTY GIFT BOOKS**  
of Verse, Essays, etc., in handsome bindings.  
**BOOKS ARE IDEAL GIFTS**

Over a thousand good books on the \$1.00 table—Popular writers like Curwood, Zane Grey, Ethel Dell, Peter B. Kyne, etc.

**GIVE THE CHILDREN BOOKS FOR XMAS**—They outlast almost any other gift you can think of, and their cost is very moderate.

**Books for older Boys and Girls; Chums; Chatter-box; Girls' Own, etc., and hundreds of other good books that any normal boy or girl will enjoy.**  
Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals, etc. in good binding.

### A BOX OF FINE STATIONERY IS A GIFT ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

You will be pleased with our display of these, priced 35c to \$5.00 each.



### SCATTER SUNSHINE WITH XMAS GREETING CARDS

Do not overlook any of your friends this year. The remembrance costs so little and means so much.

We can still get your order executed for **Private Greeting Cards** ..... \$1.50 doz. and up  
**Xmas Cards** ..... 5c to 75c each

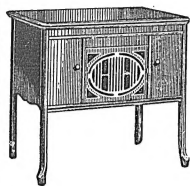
**WATREMAN'S FOUNTAIN PENS** with clip or ring; plain and gold mounted designs, at—  
\$2.75, \$3.00, \$4.00 to \$10.00

**PARKER FOUNTAIN PENS**, another very well known make ..... \$2.75 to \$7.00  
"Duette" Sets of **WATERMAN'S, PARKER'S** or **EVERSHARP**, Pens and Pencils .... \$4.50 to \$12.00

**Xmas Gifts of all kinds are here in abundance for your choosing.** Come in and look through our stock. You will find many helpful hints to solve your Xmas problems.

**GET THEM NOW!** Dennison's Seals, Tags, Enclosure Cards, Tinsel Cord, Holly Wrapping Paper, White Tissue, Holly-covered Boxes, etc.

Your gifts are much more appreciated when daintily wrapped.



**VICTROLAS AND BRUNSWICKS** at greatly reduced prices  
Beautiful Console Model Victrolas, regular \$135.00, for .... \$97.50  
Brunswicks .... \$110.00 and up  
Make up your mind now to have one this Xmas. We sell on easy terms.

A box of Records is a gift appreciated by every owner of a Phonograph. The new "V-E" process records are only 75c, and we still have a big selection of good records at special 55c price

THE STORE OF A THOUSAND GIFTS

GAETZ-CORNETT DRUG & BOOK COMPANY

THE *Rexall* STORE

## CONDOR NEWS

Some land seekers were in the district this week with the intention of either renting or buying.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. Edgar are to be congratulated on the arrival of a daughter.  
A daughter also arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bolt on Saturday night.  
Mrs. Meeres' father, Mr. Horne of Vancouver, is spending a few weeks at Condor.  
The Condor Dramatic Society are rehearsing steadily the play to be put on at Benalto, December 17th.  
Mr. and Mrs. Healy and family and Mrs. Scoy of Hill End, motored out to Mr. Meeres' on Sunday.  
The Girl Guides and Sunday school scholars are practising hard for the Xmas concert.  
Mr. and Mrs. Holsworth, of Benalto, motored up to visit their daughter, Mrs. Orme McKee, on Saturday.  
Mrs. Scott Hastie's sister, Mrs. Brown, of Brooks, is staying with the Hasties till after Christmas.  
Mr. Broome, the cobbler, and the latest arrival to go into business at Condor, is being kept quite busy.

**CONDOR W. I.**  
The annual meeting of the above was held at the home of Mrs. G. Mills, with Mrs. Frost presiding, and with sixteen members present.  
The minutes were read and accepted on the motion of Mrs. H. Eastman and Mrs. Porter, after which the following officers were elected for 1926:  
President—Mrs. Frost.  
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. H. Eastman.  
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. H. Meeres.  
Secretary—D. S. Hastie.  
Directors: Mrs. Neatland, Hewitt, Porter, McKee and Carter.  
Auditor—W. O. McKee.  
A visiting committee was appointed for: S. and W. Mrs. H. Eastman and Mrs. Shaw; S. and E. Mrs. Porter and Mrs. H. Meeres; N. Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Negard.  
The financial and auditor's reports were next read, showing a balance of \$61.21. It was moved by Mrs. N. Eastman, and seconded by Mrs. Porter, that same be accepted as correct. Correspondence was next dealt with, and a letter re. short course demonstration was read. It was agreed to ask for a three days' course in millinery.  
The date for a Xmas tree and entertainment, in conjunction with the Condor Sunday school, was discussed, and it was decided to hold same on Thursday, December 24th, the Institute to spend from \$30 to \$35 on the tree.  
The following meetings were arranged: January, at home of Mrs. McKee; February, at Mrs. Hastie's; March, at Mrs. Hewitt's.  
Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Bice and Mrs. Porter, after which a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Mills.  
D. S. Hastie, Sec.-Treas.

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C. G. I. T.

The Dynamo Group held their regular meeting on Monday night. After the business period was concluded, the intellectual group took charge of a very interesting paper and discussion on friendship. "Follow the Gleam" and "Taps" closed the meeting after a very impressive devotional period.

The Wo Ho Lo group held their regular meeting on Monday night. Everybody came next Monday night to the physical meeting.

The Thelma group had a very enjoyable variation of their regular meeting in the form of a party at Mrs. Aeschel's. This was held in honor of Norma Morton's birthday. A short meeting was held first, consisting of the usual business and devotional periods. This was adjourned to give place to a period of happy revelry.

BIRTHS

At Red Deer, on 8th December, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cantelon, a daughter.  
At Red Deer, on 3rd December, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lagrow, a daughter.  
At Red Deer, on the 4th December, to Mr. and Mrs. John Nymman, of Shady Nook, a son.

NOTICE

The next meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Pine Lake No. 329, will be held in the Municipal Office, Red Deer, on Tuesday, December 15th, at 1:30 p.m.

W. P. COBB, Reeve.  
W. E. TRUEBMAN, Sec.-Treas.

POUND NOTICE

Notice is hereby given under Section 33 of the Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that one bay gelding, big white strip in forehead, clipped foretop, trimmed tail, weight about 1100, no visible brand, was impounded in the pound kept by the undersigned located on the N.W. 22-37-15, on Monday, December 7th, 1925, and that the said animal will be offered for sale not sooner than eleven days, and not later than fifteen days after the date of each impoundment, unless same is released by payment of all lawful fees and costs, under the provisions of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities), said horse will be put up for sale on Saturday, the 19th December, if not claimed.  
P. K. JOHNSON,  
Red Deer R. R. 1.

CITY OF RED DEER

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**LOST—A SMALL DARK BROWN** fur muff on Monday. Finder please leave at above Office or with Mrs. A. Wood, Penhold. Dec. 7, 1w.

**USED CARS—I HAVE FOR SALE** one Dodge, in first class condition. Price \$400.00; terms. One Ford, 1923 Model, new tires. Price \$225.00; terms.—J. R. Finlay, Chevrolet and Oakland Dealer, Sylvan Lake. Dec. 2.

**FOR SALE—OVERLAND CAR**, Model '21; nearly new. Cheap for cash. Phone 388. P.O. Box 517. Dec. 2, 1w\*

**FOR XMAS CAKES, PUDDINGS**, at leave orders early with Mrs. J. A. Grant, Ross St. Dec. 2, 2w\*

**WANTED—WOMAN FOR WEEKLY** washing. Phone 297. Dec. 2.

**WANTED—CHILDREN'S SEWING**. Small boys' tailoring a specialty. Satisfaction guaranteed. Apply 65, 1st St. N. Phone 104. Dec. 2, 3w.

**EDISON (USED FOR SHORT TIME)** Diamond Disc Phonograph and 15 double-sided Edison re-creation records, \$58.50. A real buy. Terms if desired.—H. H. Humber, Jeweller, Red Deer. Dec. 7, 1f.

**RED DEER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**  
The annual meeting of the Red Deer Agricultural Society for the reception of reports, the election of officers, and general business, will be held at the City Hall, Red Deer, on Saturday, December 12, at 3 p.m.  
H. G. STONB, President.  
RALPH PATTERSON, Sec.-Treas.

**TENDERS**  
Tenders are invited for the privilege of catering for refreshments at the election of the City of Red Deer, to be held at the City Hall, Red Deer, on Monday next. For further particulars apply to S. Pamey, Red Deer.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF RED DEER**  
Ladies and Gentlemen:  
Having been nominated as a candidate for the position of School Trustee, I most respectfully ask for your vote and influence at the election on Monday next. As a real old timer, as a big ratepayer, and as one who has always taken a keen interest in public affairs, I feel that I can confidently ask for your support, as my motto will always be economy coupled with efficiency.  
I remain, yours sincerely,  
EDITH McCREIGHT.

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RED DEER**  
Ladies and Gentlemen:  
I am again a candidate for the City Council. During my past two years of office the main issue before the Council has been the getting possession of the Western General Electric franchise. This has now been done, and I believe, as I have stated in public, that the plant can be operated by the city at a profit. If again honoured with your confidence I propose to try to have this policy carried out.  
Your obedient servant,  
E. HOWLETT.

**FELLOW RATEPAYERS**  
At the request of a number of citizens, I again offer you my services for another term of office on the Council Board, if you should so desire it.  
I believe that the experience I have gained during the past two years will be valuable in deciding the future course to be taken in the important matter of the light, power and water. I am fully aware that the strictest economy must still be practised in order to keep our taxes to the very minimum.  
On my past record I solicit your vote and support on Monday next.  
Yours very truly,  
HAROLD J. SNELL.

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